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- (2) Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. (A) 7-59098, (EASTMAN KODAK CO), published March 3, 1995;
- (3) Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. (A) 6-189256, (HITACHI LTD), published July 8, 1994;
- (4) Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. (A) 63-272179, (CANON INC), published November 9, 1988;

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- (5) Hayashi, U.S. Patent No. 5,734,427, issued March 31, 1998;
- (6) Hibbard, U.S. Patent No. 5,382,976, issued January 17, 1995;
- (7) EP 0 632 663 A2, (EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY), published January 4, 1995; and
- (8) EP 0 632 663 A3, (EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY), published January 4, 1995.

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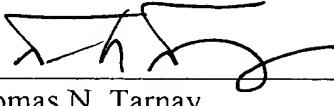
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